

REMARKS

In the non-final office action mailed on July 27, 2007 claim 20 was rejected under §112, ¶1 with regard to the language “unity differentiator function”, claims 1, 2 and 5 – 7 are rejected under §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,027,410 (to Williamson et al.), claim 8 is rejected under §103(a) over Williamson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,757,932 (to Lindemann et al.), claims 9 and 23 are rejected under §103(a) over Williamson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,990,205 (to Chen), claim 4 is indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claims 10 – 19, 21 and 22 are allowed.

In the present amendment, the specification is amended to address the §112, ¶1 issue, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of prior claim 4, and claim 4 is canceled.

Each of claims 1, 2 and 5 – 22, therefore is submitted to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action consistent with the above is respectfully requested.

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